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SUBJECT: THE CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP

REF: BANGKOK 9972

1. OUR CONTACTS WITH A SUBSTANTIAL CROSS-SECTION OF CAMBODIANS RESIDING IN PARIS MAKE IT REASONABLY CLEAR THAT NO ONE, IRRESPECTIVE OF HIS POLITICAL AFFILIATION, CAN FLESH OUT THE SKETCHY PICTURE WE HAVE OF THE NEW CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP. VIRTUALLY WITHOUT EXCEPTION, CAMBODIANS QUESTIONED ABOUT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS AND THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY KHIEU SAMPHAN, IENG SARY, SON SEN, HU NIM, CHUON CHOEUN, IENG THIRITH, AND TAUCH PHOEUN. NONE OF THE OTHER NAMES PUBLISHED, INCLUDING THAT OF PRIME MINISTER POL POT, MEANT ANYTHING TO THEM.

2. QUAI OFFICIALS HAVE COMMENTED THAT THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED SIMILAR PROBLEMS, AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP. THEIR  
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SOURCES (UNSPECIFIED), LIKE OURS, HAVE EXPRESSED A

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, BUT ARE COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR WITH ALL OF THE OTHER NAMES. THESE NAMES HAVE NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, APPEARED ON LISTS OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE (UNION DES ETUDANTS KHMERS), TO WHICH SOME OF THE KNOWN COMMUNIST LEADERS ONCE BELONGED.

3. AS IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT SOME OF THE NEW LEADERS HAVE OPERATED OR ARE NOW OPERATING UNDER ALIASES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEM WHEN AND IF THESE BECOME AVAILABLE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CAMBODIANS IN PARIS WITH LEFTIST OR ROYALIST CREDENTIALS WILL FIND THAT THEY HAVE KNOWN THEM UNDER OTHER NAMES.  
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